

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, March 22, 2011
7:30 P.M.

11-O-02

**An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland,
Amending Chapter 125 “Housing Regulations”, Article I “General Provisions” By Repealing
And Reenacting § 125-3 “Notification Of Violation”, And §125-10 “Responsibilities Of
Owners And Occupants” To Prohibit The Location Or Use Of Furniture On A Roof And
Chapter 110 “Fees And Penalties” To Provide A Penalty For Violation.**

PRESENT: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Catlin, Perry, Stullich, Cook and Afzali.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Nagle, Wojahn and Mitchell.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Steve Groh, Director of Finance.

Mayor Fellows called the Public Hearing to order at 7:30 p.m. Bob Ryan gave an overview. This proposed ordinance is a safety measure that prohibits the use of furniture on a roof that wasn't designed for that purpose. The ordinance makes it unlawful for any property owner, tenant or occupant to allow furniture to be placed on a roof that wasn't designed to have furniture on it. The definition of a roof that was built for that purpose includes having a surface that was designed out of a strong material such as tile, not shingles, having a railing, and having access through a door, not a window. The initial notice of violation gives seven days to correct, and following that every seven calendar days would be a separate violation. The fine for the first violation is \$200, and for subsequent violations is \$400.

Councilmember Perry asked if the City had any documented cases of anyone falling of the roof because of issues addressed by this ordinance. Mr. Ryan said there have been none that he can recall.

Comments from the audience: None.

There being no testimony, Mayor Fellows closed the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date Approved